Exodus of trained IAF Pilots

2605. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the cost involved in training a pilot for the Indian Air Force;

(b) whether *exodus* of pilots from Indian Air Force has increased over the years both after or before completion of the terms of contract age of superannuation;

(c) the details of the pilots with rank and flying hours who had quit the service during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to stop this *exodus*?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) A statement indicating cost of initial training of a pilot in the Indian Air Force is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The requests for acceptance of premature retirement/ resignation from the pilots are considered as per the Government instructions. The details of the pilots who have been released from the service during the last three years (from January 2003 to April 2006) are as indicated below:

Flying Officer	-	01
Flight Lieutenant	-	18
Squadron Leader	-	31
Wing Commander	-	166
Group Captain	-	55
Air Commodore	-	03
Air Vice Marshal	-	01
TOTAL	-	275

Most of the pilots who have been released from service had completed more than 1000 flying hours.

(d) The premature retirement/resignation of pilots has not affected the operational status of the squadrons. Sustained efforts are made to review

and augment the manpower requirements of the Indian Air Force on a continuous basis.

Statement

The cost of involved in training of an IAF pilot

(a) Ex- NDA Cadets:

(i)	Fighter aircraft	- Rs. 885.18 lakh
(ii)	Transport aircraft	- Rs. 368.11 lakh
(iii)	Helicopter	- Rs. 235.69 lakh

(b) Non- NDA Cadets:

(i)	Fighter aircraft	- Rs. 886.3 lakh
(ii)	Transport aircraft	- Rs. 369.23 lakh
(iii)	Helicopter	- Rs. 236.82 lakh

Report on Ex-Sevicemen

†2606. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Major General (Retired) Surjeet Singh has submitted any report to Government regarding Ex-servicemen;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that in some countries like U.S.A. China etc. training to work in other spheres are imparted to the army personnel; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) Major General (Retired) Surjeet Singh has on his own forwarded a copy of paper titled 'Root Cause Analysis of Ex-servicemen's Woes'.

(b) His paper essentially recommends short term engagement of Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR) of 5 to 7 years after which there should be a system of their switch over to another career.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.